investigations made by Sir William Stampe will he available for our guidance in tackling this problem of water supply. And I do not propose to rest contended until this most essential need of the rural population is satisfied with the co-operation of the Hon'ble Members of this House.

The live stock in the villages and towns should be improved and increased by providing more stud bulls on the subsidy system and by breeding up of cattle to the level of Scindhi and Kangayam breeds and by opening salvage farms for dry cows in towns. Stud goats also should be distributed in villages and municipal areas to improve the breed by local goats. Breeding and distribution of improved types of pigs should be undertaken and encouraged. Better seeds, more scientific manure and better agricultural implements should be supplied.

Model agricultural and dairy farms must be opened at least in all the Taluk Head quarters. These farms should be made educative and commercial. Encouragement should be given to private enterprises in Dairy Farming. And poultry farming should be developed. A detailed working plan will be prepared for the information and acceptance of this House.

I have in contemplation a scheme to provide decent dwelling houses to the middle class and the poor throughout the State including municipal towns by establishing Building Societies under the Co-operative Department. These societies will advance long-term loans covering a period of 20 years at a reasonable rate of interest to the members to purchase materials and to build houses according to approved plans. The loan will be made repayable in monthly instalments and the amount to be paid monthly will be only slightly higher than the rent that a tenant will have to pay for a rented house in a municipal area. If this plan is successfully worked, the poor and middle class citizens will get decent houses without incurring any debt and will become complete owners of the houses after a period of twenty years. This scheme when it materialises, will remove congestion in towns and improve their appearance.

More cottage industries should be started, the existing ones should be developed and private industrial concerns should be better encouraged. The scope for the starting of new industries and for the development of existing ones is immense. The professional skill and expert knowledge of the blacksmith community in the State could be better utilised for starting on a commercial basis iron and steel works in some selected centre or centres in the State where there are now ample transport facilities. All kinds of improved agricultural implements can be made and supplied to agriculturists at reasonable prices. Encouragement of this industry will give employment and relief to many poor people in the State, besides increasing the wealth of the State. Throughout the State, within distances of five miles, there should exist dispensaries to render medical aid to the people. More Ayurvedic hospitals should be established and maintain to meet the growing demands of the people and to give adequate medical relief to them. Intensive vaccination and inoculation should be undertaken to prevent epidemics. Every village should be provided with a decent library with readable books and one or two daily newspapers.

The programme chalked out above for the improvement of our village life and for the development of rural economy is to a large extent an amplification of ideas contained in the opening speech of the Diwan President Sir George Boag in the last budget session of the Council. It is my earnest desire to see to the materialisation of at least some of the schemes adumberated above during my tenure of office. The success of the ministerial administration depends largely on the sympathetic attitude of the Diwan and the unstinted co-operation of the representatives of the people. In the administration of the departments entrusted to my care and in the carrying out of the various schemes that I have in mind for the amelioration and economic well being of the people in the villages I hope to have the complete co-operation and the whole hearted support and help of the Diwan and the Hon'ble Members of this House who represent the people of the State.

Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness the Maharaja

The Secretary to Council: Sir, Under S. O. 5 (2) I have to announce to the House that the following Bills—passed by the Council have been graciously assented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

1. The Cochin Revenue Enquiries Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Cochin Verumpattadars Act (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Cochin Panchayat Bill.
5. The Vagrancy Bill.

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